[English]

Import of Liquified Natural Gas

*250. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation and Gas Authority of India are planning to set up a project to import liquified natural gas for the power sector;

(b) if so, whether any concrete efforts by the Ministry in this regard have been worked out; and

(c) if so, to what extent imports of liquid natural gas are likely to be made available during 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Probable locations for the LNG import terminals have been identified by GAIL. GAIL has received bids for the feasibility study for the terminals and also for LNG supplies.

(c) Creation of facilities for the import of LNG may take 4-5 years. No LNG may be imported during 1997.

[Translation]

Funds for RFPIs

*251. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for extending financial assistance for rural food processing industries;

(b) the total funds sanctioned during the last three years for the rural food processing industries in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the funds likely to be allocated during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) The developmental Plan Schemes, operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, aim at the overall development of food processing industries in the whole country including rural areas. These are project specific and not State or area specific. However, one of the schemes envisages financial assistance for setting up of Food Procesing and Training Centres (FPTCs) in rural areas. The quantum of assistance is limited to Rs. 2-7.5 lakhs for purchase of Plant and Machinery, and Rs. 1-2 lakhs as seed capital for single on multi-product lines respectively. In addition, assistance upto Rs. 50,000/-, subject to actuals, is also provided per Food Processing and Training Centres for the training of the trainers at Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore or such other Institute approved by the Ministry.

(b) An amount of Rs. 62.84 lakhs for setting up 18 Food Processing and Training Centres in rural areas has been provided in respect of proposals received from the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years (1993-94 to 1995-96).

(c) An Annual Plan outlay of Rs. 60.00 crores is provided for 1997-98 for the Schemes of the Ministry covering different sectors such as Grain-Processing, Horticulture based industries, Meat and Poultry Processing, Fisheries, Milk based Industries etc.

[English]

Natural Gas

*252. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Natural Gas is flared up in large quantity in Gujarat;

(b) the quantity of Natural Gas flared up everyday in the State;

(c) the total cost of the Natural Gas flared up, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to divert this Natural Gas for industrial and domestic use; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) 0.92 MMSCMD of gas is currently being flared in Gujarat.

(c) The Statewise cost of currently flared gas per day is as below :

	(Rs./Lakhs)
Gujarat	13.8
Assam	9.6
Arunachal Pradesh	1.5
Tamil Nadu	2.3
Western Offshore	28.0

(d) and (e) ONGC and OIL are setting up the required transportation and compression facilities to reduce the flaring to technically minimum levels.

LPG Cylinder

*253. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accepted

Shantilal Shah Committee Report of 1969 on oil pricing wherein the cost of 1.15 kg. LPG was equated to 1 litre of Kerosene;

(b) the complete break-up of the cost of a cylinder;

(c) whether it is a fact that the oil companies are charging at the rate of Rs. 180/- per cylinder for drawing subsidy from the oil pool account; and

(d) if so, the amount of subsidy per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The existing system of pricing of petroleum products is based on the recommendations of Oil Prices Committee (1976) as amended by the Oil Cost Review Committee (OCRC) 1984. The cost of production of LPG would vary from refinery to refinery depending on the level of crude thruput, pattern of production, delivered cost of crude oil, the cost of processing/refining and return on capital employed. The estimated cost of production in the country of LPG (Packed Domestic), inclusive of additional impact of imported LPG but exclusive of cost of marketing activities, on an industry basis considering weighted average cost of crude and margins thereon for the year 1996-97 works of about Rs. 9110/MT.

(c) and (d) The subsidy on LPG Packed (Domestic) during 1996-97 is estimated to be Rs. 1950 crores.

[Translation]

Gross Domestic Products

*254. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has identified the percentage contribution of various sectors of Gross Domestic Products like agriculture and its related areas, industry and service sector while evaluating the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the percentage of contribution of these sectors during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the names of sectors and year in which it did not achieve its target; and

(d) the difference between real position and target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A statement indicating the percentage contribution of agriculture, industry and service sectors to the Gross Domestic Product during the Eighth Plan (1992-97) and the target projected for the terminal year of the Plan is enclosed.

(d) The targets are not made annually.

Statement

(Per cent)

S.No.	Sectors	VIII Plan Sectoral Share in GDP (at 1980-81 prices)					VIII Plan Projection for 1996-97
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96*	1996-97*	
1.	Agriculture	30.19	29.50	28.79	26.85	26.07	24.60
2.	Industry	29.08	29.28	29.89	31.14	31.69	33.20
3.	Services	40.73	41.22	41.32	42.01	42.24	42.20
4.	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

* Estimates for 1995-96 are Quick Estimates and for 1996-97 are Advance Estimates of CSO.

[English]

Private Power Projects

*255. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision recently to allow private sector participation in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some specific power projects have been offered to private sector for the generation of power in the country;

(d) if so, the number and details thereof, State-wise, alongwith the names of entrepreneurs; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be commissioned?